

CITY OF WILLIAMS CITY COUNCIL

ANNOTATED MINUTES AGENDA ITEM

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JUNE 26, 2008
COUNCIL ACTION

I. PROCEDURES:

- A. Call to Order Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Roll Call Present were Mayor John Moore and Councilmen Andrew Hamby, Frank McNelly, Bill Miller, James Wurgler and Kevin Young.
Present from City Staff were City Manager Dennis Wells, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Joe Duffy, Police Chief Herman Nixon, Fire Chief Jeff Dent, Water Superintendent Ron Stilwell, Public Works Director Glenn Cornwell, Personnel Director Susan Kerley and City Planner/Interim City Clerk Harry Holmes.
- C. Pledge and Invocation Mayor Moore led the pledge of allegiance and Councilman Hamby offered the invocation.
- D. Adoption of Agenda Councilman Young moved to adopt the agenda. Councilman McNelly seconded and the motion carried 6-0.
- E. Approval of Minutes Councilman Wurgler moved to approve the minutes of June 11, 2008. Councilman Miller seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

II. PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Sherrie Collins, Emergency Manager for Coconino County, presented the county's "Ready Coconino" reverse-911 program. The new emergency notification program is based on the National Incident Management System and includes pre-disaster mitigation elements like promoting fire-wise communities, pre-positioning sandbags in flood-prone areas and encouraging preparedness. The reverse-911 notification uses GIS mapping and phone lists to make 400-700 calls per minute. Ms. Collins urged citizens to learn more at www.readycoconino.az.gov and discussed with Council how the City could help the effort.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: no one wished to speak on any matters not on the agenda.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Councilman McNelly moved to approve the

- B. Approval of donation of golf cart to Williams Housing Authority: G. Cornwell Councilman Wurgler seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

V. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

RECESS TO PUBLIC HEARING: on a motion made and seconded by Councilmen McNelly and Miller, Council recessed to a public hearing on the liquor license application for Andrea Renee Mendoza at Elk Ridge Ski Area. No one wished to speak on this item.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION: Councilman Wurgler moved to reconvene, Councilman Young seconded and the regular session reconvened on a 6-0 vote.

- C. Discussion and decision regarding approval of liquor license approval for Andrea Renee Mendoza at Elk Mr. Holmes introduced the application and reported that the notice had been properly posted for the required period. Councilman Miller noted that there were over 30 liquor licenses in the City and was concerned about kids using the ski area. Council discussed the type of license and determined that it would be a restaurant beer and wine license only. Councilmen Hamby and Miller reported that underage drinking was a

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- Ridge Ski Area,
875 Ski Run Rd.
- topic of concern to the Williams Alliance. Councilman Wurgler moved to approve the application and urged the applicant to be actively involved with the Alliance to deemphasize alcohol in the kids' tubing area. Councilman McNelly seconded and the motion carried 4-0, with Councilmen Hamby and Miller abstaining.
- D. Discussion and decision regarding approval of fiscal year 08-09 budget: J. Duffy
- Mr. Duffy reviewed the budget process to-date and the proposed 5% and 10% cuts to the approved tentative budget, with most of the reductions in travel, overtime, dues, fees and memberships. He noted that sales tax receipts had declined due to the overall economy, the housing slump and fuel price increases. Mr. Duffy recommended that the 10% cuts should be implemented immediately and should be reevaluated in 90 days. He said it had been a healthy exercise to trim the fat from the budget. He also emphasized that some cuts were politically sensitive and needed Council's support.
- After further discussion Councilman Miller moved to adopt the budget with implementation of 10% cuts and monthly review of projected revenues and expenses. Councilman Young seconded and the motion carried 6-0.
- E. Discussion and decision regarding award of bid for Airport improvements: G. Cornwell
- Mr. Cornwell mentioned that the grant funding this work had been approved at the June 11th meeting and referred to the bid tabulations in the Council's packets. He noted that the City's portion of this project was \$30,000 and that the contract would lock in asphalt prices. Mr. Duffy added that the Notice to Proceed be issued just before the 90-day deadline so as to defer the costs. After further discussion Councilman Wurgler moved to award the bid to FANN Contracting Inc. Councilman Hamby seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

VI. **REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- A. Mayor and Council
- Mayor Moore reiterated his desire to improve communications between the City and its citizens. He said he had discussed with the Williams News his wish to have Council's agendas published.
- The Mayor also reported on the "Newly Elected Officials" training which Councilmen Wurgler, Miller, McNelly and he had recently attended. He said the training included opportunities to interact with other communities' elected officials and with League representatives. Councilman Wurgler added that the training showed him how much he still had to learn after serving on Council for the past two years.
- Mayor Moore asked Council to consider, in light of budget concerns, whether to attend the annual League meetings. He also said that Council should appoint new members of boards, committees and commissions at its July 10th meeting, and that a Councilman should serve as ex-officio member of each appointed body. The Mayor and Staff also discussed the sound system in the Council Chambers.

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Mayor Moore and Staff then discussed whether it would be possible and safe to have fireworks on July 4th this year at the Williams Airport. Council agreed that it was too short a notice and to look into the possibility for next year.

Councilman Wurgler reported on the recent Economic Development Committee meeting and discussed the status of the 40-acre parcel near the airport. Legislation to enable non-aviation development of that parcel, formerly sponsored by Congressman Renzi, was now stalled. He said that Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce's legislative liaison Joe Galli recommended intense lobbying over the next four months as the best chance for reviving this bill. Councilman Wurgler also mentioned a proposed Antique Aircraft Museum that would be presented to Council July 10th.

**B. City Manager and
Staff Reports**

Mr. Wells said that Stantec should take due diligence so that the bill for non-aviation development does not jeopardize FAA grants.

Mr. Cornwell reported on the Country Club Road project. He discussed with Council such issues as inspections, construction schedule status, excess rock, expansive clay removal, soils testing and reduced contingency in the contract.

Councilmen Hamby and Miller expanded on the Arizona Town Hall follow-up meeting and suggested banning alcohol in all public ball parks. Councilman Miller also said an Ordinance was needed to give the Police Department the tools it needs to enforce the alcohol policy at the ball parks.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The meeting recessed at 8:40 for five minutes prior to the executive session
Pursuant to A.R.S #38-431.03 (A) (1), Council discussed personnel issues.

VIII. ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. following the Executive Session.

Mayor John Moore

ATTEST

City Clerk